

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 8, 2007 and Advisory Action dated May 12, 2007 have been carefully considered. Claims 4, 5, 18, 53, 54, 66, 67, 73, 74, 80 and 81 have been amended. Claims 2, 4-23, 51-63, 65-70, 72-77, and 79-84 are in this application. Support for the amendment to claim 4 is found throughout the specification and in particular on page 7, lines 27-28. Support for the amendment to claim 18 is found throughout the specification and in particular on page 15, lines 26-27. No new matter has been entered.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during an interview on February 6, 2007. During the interview, Applicant presented a prototype of the present invention. Applicant discussed the present invention and the differences of the cited references. The Examiner suggested that Applicant amend the claims to overcome the cited references.

The previously presented claims 2, 4-23, 51-60, 62, 63, 65-70, 72-77 and 84 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious in view of previously cited U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0036684 to Hood et al. in combination with U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0055861 to King et al. The Examiner indicated in an Advisory Action the proposed amendment is disclosed by the prior art. The Examiner stated King discloses that "the PDA device 121 is further equipped with electronic data capture equipment, such as a digital camera or the like, for retrieving and recording accident information.

As noted by the Examiner, Hood et al. do not disclose "inputting data from a digital camera, said digital camera is inputted into said record with said data from said data collection template at the time or capture of said data from said digital camera."

As noted by the Examiner, King et al. disclose a PDA which is utilized to collect damage and accident information at the accident site. The PDA is equipped with electronic data capture equipment, such as a digital camera. The PDA is equipped with wireless communications to establish a call or communications to a claims agent. The damage and accident information at the accident site 101 is wirelessly communicated to the insurer's site 113, see ¶ 0020.

In contrast to the invention defined by the present claims, King et al. do not teach or suggest a method for mobile data collection including a step of toggling between a step of inputting data using a data collection template and prompting for a digital photograph and/or

video and/or image to be taken with one or more handheld devices for inputting digital data into the data collection template. Further, King et al. do not disclose or suggest the steps of organizing the inputted data from the data collection template into a record at the one or more handheld devices and synchronizing data from the record for manipulating the data into one or more classifications to form synchronized data at the one or more handheld devices. To the contrary, King et al. disclose that electronic data and digital images are wirelessly communicated to a claims agent at a remote site. There is no teaching or suggestion of creating a record at a handheld device. Rather, any reports in King et al. are generated at a remote site after wireless transfer of data from the handheld device to the remote site. As described on page 12 lines 10-14 of the present application, in the present invention, the user can be prompted such as with a photo interaction screen to toggle to a digital camera to collect digital photograph to be inserted into the record at the time of capture. In the present invention, a record is created on the spot at the handheld device to provide a record which can be used for compliance, for example, during an inspection. There is no loss of data during a transfer to a remote site in the present invention. There is no teaching or suggestion of these features in King et al., rather, all reports in King et al. are generated remotely of the handheld device. Accordingly, King et al. do not cure the deficiencies of Hood et al. noted above.

With regard to claims 5, 54, 67, King et al. do not teach or suggest overlaying an electronic sketch over data from the digital camera at the time of capture of the data from the camera and inputting the digital data and the overlaid electronic sketch into the record at the one or more handheld device.

With regard to claim 18, King et al. do not teach or suggest printing a report at a site of said handheld device.

With regard to claim 53, King et al. do not teach or suggest a method for mobile data collection in inspection of a fire barrier comprising the steps of inputting one or more forms of data of an inspection of a fire barrier into one or more handheld devices, including a digital camera, using data collection templates and toggling between the step of inputting data using a data collection template and prompting for a digital photograph and/or video and/or image to be

taken with the one or more handheld devices for inputting data from a digital camera into a data collection template.

With regard to claim 66, King et al. do not teach or suggest a method for mobile data collection in a quality assurance application comprising the steps of inputting one or more forms of data of quality assurance into one or more handheld devices, the handheld devices including a digital camera, using data collection templates and toggling between the step of inputting data using a data collection template and prompting for a digital photograph and/or video and/or image to be taken with the one or more handheld devices for inputting the digital data into a data collection template.

With regard to claim 73, King et al. do not teach or suggest a method for mobile data collection in a boat survey application comprising the steps of inputting one or more forms of data of a boat survey into one or more handheld devices, the handheld devices including a digital camera, using data collection templates and toggling between the step of inputting data using a data collection template and prompting for a digital photograph and/or video and/or image to be taken with the one or more handheld devices for inputting the digital data into a data collection template.

Claim 52 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious in view of Hood et al. in combination with King et al. and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0027164 to Mault et al.

Mault et al. disclose a portable computing apparatus for weight management program. A barcode reader can be used for entering calorie and nutritional information.

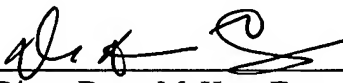
In contrast to the invention defined by the present claims, Mault et al. do not teach or suggest a method for mobile data collection including a step of toggling between a step of inputting data using a data collection template and prompting for a digital photograph and/or video and/or image to be taken with one or more handheld devices for inputting data from a digital camera into the data collection template. Further, Mault et al. do not disclose or suggest the steps of organizing the inputted data from the data collection template into a record at the one or more handheld devices; and synchronizing data from the record for manipulating the data into

one or more classifications to form synchronized data at the one or more handheld devices. Accordingly, Mault et al. do not cure the deficiencies of Hood et al. and King et al. noted above.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. If the Amendment does not place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests the Examiner contact the undersigned. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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